Encroachments Around Airports

3081. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the irports including some premiere ones like Mumbai are surrounded by sprawling encroachments even right upto the perimeter wall posing serious hazard to air traffic and avoidable security threat; and

(b) if so, the details of the problems faced at different airports and the action taken/proposed to be taken to remove these encroachments with their present status?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Airports at Hyderabad, Kota, Mumbai, Patna, Pantnagar, Rajkot, Tiruchirapalli and Vadodara are surrounded by sprawling slums and these slums due to their proximity to airport boundary wall pose a threat to the security. Some of these slums are located on private/State Government land closer to the proximity of airport perimeter wall and Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plans for rehabilitation/re-location of such slums. AAI is regularly requesting concerned State Governments for removal of these slums.

Revision of pay scales of IA/AA Ground Staff

3082. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff working in Indian Airlines and Alliance Air are provided other different pay scales/structure for the same work/job;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the salary of staff other than ground staff has been revised in Alliance Air; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not revising the pay structure of ground staff?